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# *Energy Education Workshop*

*July 14, 2010*

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*Business Cooperative Programs*

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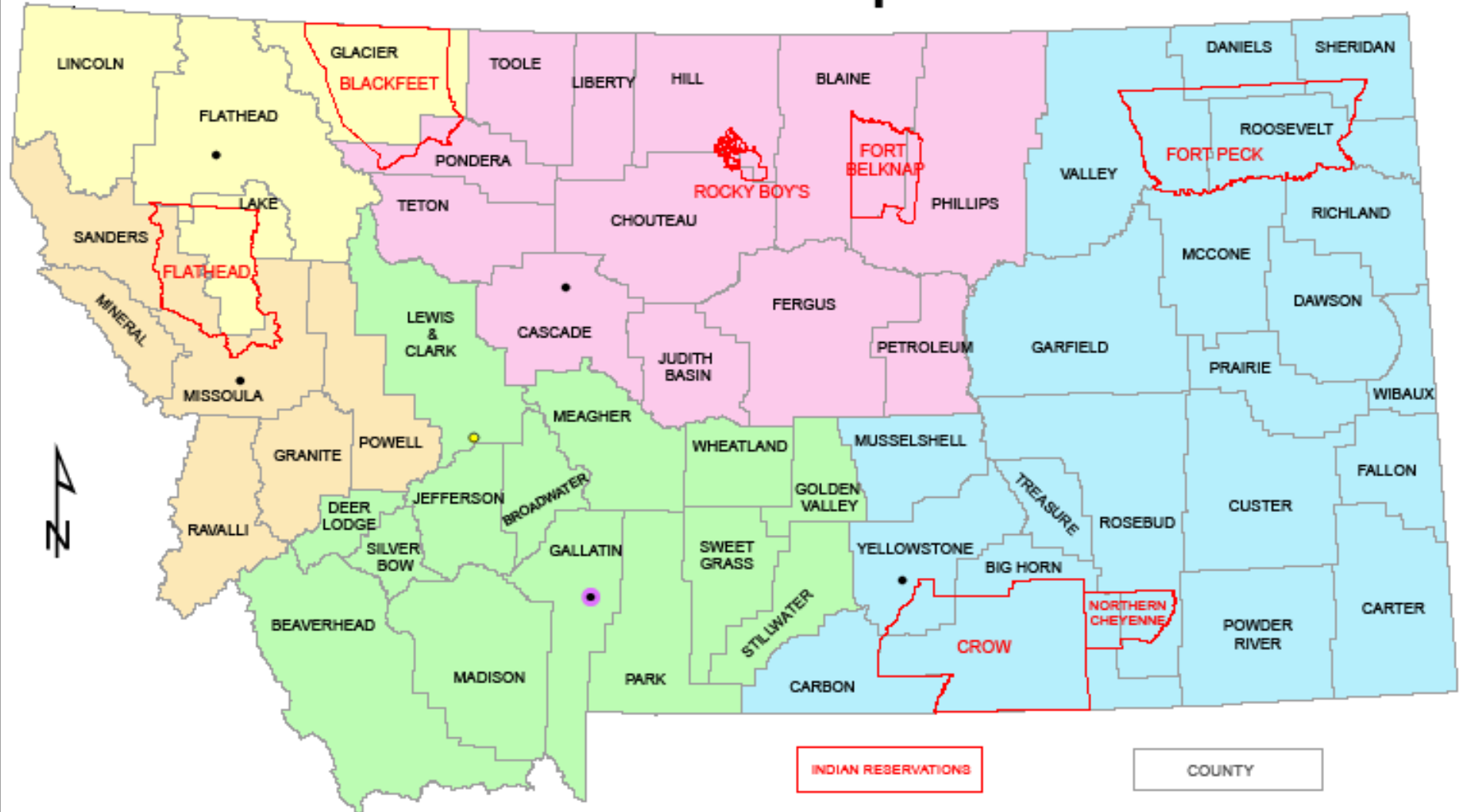
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# Business Cooperative Programs

- Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan
- Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG)
- Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)
- Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)
- Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG)
- Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant (REDLG)
- Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)
- Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants & Guarantees
- Renewable Energy Audit Grants
- Energy Feasibility Study Grants

# USDA Rural Development



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# *Energy Programs*

- Biorefinery Assistance Program (Section 9003)
  - Provides guarantees on loans up to \$250 million to construct commercial scale biorefineries.
  - 2010 Application deadline is **August 4, 2010**
- Repowering Assistance Program (Section 9004)
  - Provides payments to biorefineries to replace fossil fuel energy sources with renewable energy sources
  - 2010 Application deadline is **July 20, 2010**

# *Energy Programs (cont.)*

- Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels (Section 9005)
  - Provides payments to advanced biofuel producers (biomass conversion facilities) for producing advanced biofuels.
  - Huls Dairy, Hamilton & Earl Fisher Biofuels, Chester
  - 2010 app deadline is **July 6, 2010** for **transportation fuels only**
- Similar to FSA's Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP) (Section 9011)
  - Provides payments for collecting, harvesting, storing, transporting biomass to eligible advanced biomass conversion facilities.
  - <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=cops&topic=bcap>

## *Energy Programs (cont.)*

- Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative (Section 9009)
  - Provides grants for the purpose of enabling eligible rural communities to substantially increase their energy self sufficiency.
  - Rule to be published by Spring 2010.



# *Program Information Seminar*

Important Websites:

- [www.rurdev.usda.gov/mt](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mt)
- [www.farmenergy.org](http://www.farmenergy.org)
- [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia)